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### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING NOTIFICATION

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#### THE REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS (CENTRAL) RULES, 1956

**S.R.O. 1519.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 20-A of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Registration of Newspapers (Central) Rules, 1956.

(2) They shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1956.

2. **Definitions.**—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) 'Act' means the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867;

(b) 'Form' means a Form specified in the Schedule to these rules;

(c) 'Publisher' means the publisher of a newspaper.

3. **Form of declaration.**—Every declaration made under section 5 of the Act shall be in Form I and the person making the declaration shall give full and true particulars therein.

4. **Transmission of copies of declaration to the Press Registrar.**—A copy of every declaration made under section 5, 8 or 8-A of the Act before a Magistrate, duly attested by his official seal, shall be forwarded by the Magistrate to the Press Registrar by registered post.

5. **Delivery of copies of newspaper to the Press Registrar.**—(1) Every publisher shall, within 48 hours of the publication of an issue of his newspaper, send to the Press Registrar one copy of the issue by post or by a messenger:

Provided that where any newspaper publishes more than one edition under the same declaration and the retail selling price charged for, or the number of pages contained in, an issue of any such edition is different from an issue of any other edition, one copy of the issue of each such edition shall also in like manner be sent to the Press Registrar.

(2) For the purposes of sub-rule (1)—

(a) copies of the issues of newspapers published in Hindi, Urdu or English and of newspapers published in two languages, one of which is Hindi, Urdu or English, shall be sent to the Press Registrar in New Delhi;

- (b) copies of the issues of newspapers published in any of the regional languages specified in column I below shall be sent to the Officer incharge of the Regional Office of the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, at the place specified in the corresponding entry in column II and the officer shall take delivery of such newspaper on behalf of the Press Registrar:—

I	II
Punjabi . . . . .	Jullundur
Bengali . . . . .	Calcutta
Oriya . . . . .	
Assamese . . . . .	Madras
Tamil . . . . .	
Telugu . . . . .	Ernakulam
Malayalam . . . . .	
Marathi . . . . .	Bombay
Gujarati . . . . .	
Knannada . . . . .	Bangalore

- (c) copies of the issues of newspapers published in any other language shall be sent to the Press Registrar in New Delhi.

**6. Annual Statement.**—(1) Every publisher shall, in respect of his newspaper or each of his newspapers, furnish to the Press Registrar an annual statement relating to each calendar year in Form II containing the particulars specified therein, so as to reach the Press Registrar on or before the last day of February of the following year.

**NOTE.**—The statement to be submitted on or before the last day of February 1957 need relate only to the period from 1st July 1956 to 31st December, 1956.

(2) Whenever there is a change in the retail selling price of a newspaper as furnished in any statement, the publisher shall, within 48 hours of such change, send intimation thereof to the Press Registrar.

**7. Maintenance of the Register.**—(1) The Press Registrar shall maintain a Register of Newspapers in Form III.

(2) The pages of the Register shall be numbered consecutively and entries in respect of a newspaper shall start from a fresh page. When particulars enumerated in Form I have been entered in the Register in respect of a newspaper, the Press Registrar shall allot a registration number to that newspaper. Initial entries in the Register and subsequent changes, if any, shall be duly authenticated under the signature of the Press Registrar.

(3) The Press Registrar shall, in respect of every newspaper, cause relevant entries to be made in the Register and before making any entry therein, he may make such verification of the statements furnished to him by the newspaper as he may consider necessary.

**8. Particulars to be published in every newspaper.**—The publisher shall publish in every issue of his newspaper the retail selling price of each copy, or, when there is no such selling price, shall publish in an appropriate place that it is for free distribution. The publisher shall also publish in the first issue after the last day of February of each year the particulars specified in Form IV.

**9. Furnishing of extracts from the Register.**—The Press Registrar shall, on an application made to him in writing and on payment of a fee of rupee one in respect of each newspaper, furnish to the applicant extracts from the Register duly certified by him.

**10. Certificate of registration.**—(1) Where a publisher makes a declaration before a Magistrate, the Press Registrar shall, as soon as practicable, after receipt of the copy of the declaration, issue to the publisher a certificate of registration in Form V.

(2) On receipt of information furnished by the publisher of a newspaper and upon allotting under rule 7(2) a registration number to that newspaper, the Press Registrar may also issue to the publisher a certificate of registration in Form V.

**11. Annual Report.**—The Press Registrar shall submit to the Central Government on or before the 30th April of each year, an annual report containing information and statistics about the Press in India, and in particular, circulation trends in different categories of newspapers and the trends in the direction of common ownership of more than one newspaper:

Provided that the annual report to be submitted on or before the 30th April 1957 may relate only to the period from the 1st July 1956 to the 31st December 1956.

SCHEDULE  
Form of Declaration

FORM I

(See Rule 3)

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that I am/ we are the printer(s) or publisher(s) or printer(s) and publisher(s) of the ) newspaper entitled \_\_\_\_\_ \*to be printed at \_\_\_\_\_ or \*published at \_\_\_\_\_, or to be printed and published at \_\_\_\_\_ and do solemnly affirm that particulars in respect of the said newspaper given hereunder are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

1. Title of the newspaper . . . . .
2. Language/Languages in which it is to be published . . . . .
3. Periodicity of its publication and the day/days/dates on which it is to be published . . . . .
4. Retail price of the newspaper . . . . .
5. Publisher's Name . . . . .  
Nationality . . . . .  
Address . . . . .
6. Printer's Name . . . . .  
Nationality . . . . .  
Address . . . . .
7. Editor's Name . . . . .  
Nationality . . . . .  
Address . . . . .
8. True and precise account of the premises where the printing is to be conducted . . . . .
9. Place of Publication . . . . .

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

\*Strike out whatever is not applicable.

Annual Statement in respect of the newspaper entitled.....for the period ending 31st December 195 .

FORM II  
[See Rule 6(1)]

S. No.	Items	Details of particulars	Particulars of changes, if any, during the year with date(s) of changes	REMARKS										
1	2	3	4	5										
A.—General														
1.	Declaration under which the newspaper is published .													
2.	Registration number of the newspaper . . . . .													
3.	Title of the newspaper . . . . .													
4.	Language/Languages in which the newspaper is published . . . . .													
5.	(a) Periodicity of the publication of the newspaper . . . . .													
	(b) Days/Dates of the publication (in the case of publication not published every day) . . . . .													
6.	Editor's Name . . . . .													
	Nationality . . . . .													
	Address . . . . .													
7.	Printer's Name . . . . .													
	Nationality . . . . .													
	Address . . . . .													
8.	Publisher's Name . . . . .													
	Nationality . . . . .													
	Address . . . . .													
9.	(a) True and precise account of the premises where printing is conducted . . . . .													
	(b) Place of publication . . . . .													
10.	(a) Average number of pages per week in respect of daily, bi-weekly, tri-weekly and weekly newspapers. . . . .													
	(b) Average number of pages per issue in respect of other newspapers . . . . .													
11.	Number of days of publication in a year . . . . .													
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total

I, ....., hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date.....

Signature of the publisher .....

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Half Yearly average	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Half Yearly average
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*B.—Circulation*

12. Average number of copies printed per publishing day
13. Average number of copies sold . . . . .
14. Average number of copies distributed free (including complimentary, voucher, exchange, bonus, sample and office copies) . . . . .
15. Retail selling price per copy . . . . .

I,.....; hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date :

Signature of publisher .....

\*\*Countersigned

Chartered Accountant

Qualified Auditor

\*\*In respect of newspapers where the average number of copies printed per publishing day does not exceed 2000, countersignature by a chartered accountant or a qualified auditor is not necessary.

*C.—Ownership*

Name	Address	Value of share of Capital	Whether related to other shareholders by marriage, blood relationship or otherwise
1	2	3	4

16. (a) Names and addresses of the owners of the newspaper (Particulars need be given only of individuals who own the newspaper and partners or shareholders holding more than one per cent of the Capital) .

(b) Also state :

- (i) If the owner is a firm; whether it is registered or unregistered, and particulars of partners who own more than one per cent of the capital . . . . .

- (ii) If the owner is a Joint Stock Company: whether a public limited company or a private limited company, and the names and addresses of Chairman and members of the Board of Directors and shareholders holding more than one per cent of the capital . . . . .
- (iii) If the owner is a Joint Stock Company and is managed by a managing agent: whether the managing agent is an individual, a firm or a joint stock company, and the particulars referred to in part (a) or items (i) & (ii) of part (b) as the case may be . . . . .
- (iv) If the proprietor is a trust, Co-operative Society, Society or Association, names and addresses etc. of the Chairman and members of the Trust/Executive, etc. . . . .
- (v) Any other form of ownership and details about the share of each owner . . . . .

NOTE.—(i) All the relevant information should be furnished to disclose effective ownership of the newspaper.

(ii) Items not applicable should be scored out.

17. The known bond holders, debenture holders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding one per cent or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities.

NOTE.—In case where the stock holder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting should also be furnished.

I, . . . . ., hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of publisher . . . . .

## Register of Newspapers

## FORM III

[ See rule 7 (1) ]

1. Declaration number under which the newspaper is published . . . . .
  2. Registration number of the newspaper . . . . .
  3. Title of the newspaper . . . . .
  4. Language/Languages in which the newspaper is published . . . . .
  5. (a) Periodicity of the publication of the newspaper . . . . .  
 (b) Day (s)/date(s) of publication (in the case of publications not published every day) . . . . .
  6. Editor's Name . . . . .  
 Nationality . . . . .  
 Address . . . . .
  7. Printers' Name . . . . .  
 Nationality . . . . .  
 Address . . . . .
  8. Publisher's Name . . . . .  
 Nationality . . . . .  
 Address . . . . .
  9. (a) True and precise account of premises where the printing is conducted . . . . .  
 (b) Place of publication . . . . .
  10. (a) Average number of pages per week in respect of daily, bi-weekly, tri-weekly and weekly newspapers . . . . .  
 (b) Average number of pages per issue in respect of other newspapers . . . . .
  11. Total number of days of publication in the year . . . . .
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| I<br>January to June | 2<br>July to December |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
12. (a) Average number of copies printed . . . . .  
 (b) Average number of copies sold . . . . .  
 (c) Average number of copies distributed free . . . . .
  13. Retail selling price per copy . . . . .
  14. Names and address of individuals who own the newspaper and partners or shareholders holding more than one per cent of the total capital . . . . .

Statement about ownership and other particulars about newspaper ( ) to be published in the first issue every year after the last day of February.

## FORM IV

[See Rule 8]

1. Place of Publication . . . . .
2. Periodicity of its publication . . . . .
3. Printer's Name . . . . .  
     Nationality . . . . .  
     Address . . . . .
4. Publisher's Name . . . . .  
     Nationality . . . . .  
     Address . . . . .
5. Editor's Name . . . . .  
     Nationality . . . . .  
     Address . . . . .
6. Names and addresses of individuals who own the newspaper and partners or shareholders holding more than one per cent of the total capital.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of publisher \_\_\_\_\_



*Certificate of Registration*

FORM V

[ See Rule 10 ]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF NEWSPAPERS FOR INDIA

This is to certify that the Newspaper entitled \_\_\_\_\_ has been registered under the  
Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

1. Title of the newspaper . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Registration number of the newspaper . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. Language/Languages in which it is published . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Periodicity of its publication and the day/days/ dates on which it is published \_\_\_\_\_
5. Retail price of the newspaper . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. Publisher's Name . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Address . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Printer's Name . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Address . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. Editor's Name . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
Address . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
9. True and precise account of the premises where the printing is conducted . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
10. Place of publication . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRAR OF NEWS PAPER FOR INDIA.

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